

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended). A process for foaming polyurethanes, comprising: adding to compositions used to make solid polymers azeotropic or near azeotropic foaming agent compositions as substitutes for CFC 11 to give a homogeneous foam having a density of about 30 kg/cm³, said foaming agent compositions based on difluoromethoxy-bis(difluoromethyl ether) and/or 1-difluoromethoxy-1, 1, 2, 2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether, said foaming agent compositions selected from the group consisting of:

	composition % by weight
I) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	1-95 99-5
II) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); iso-pentane	1-99 99-1
III) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	1-60 99-40
IV) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF₂OCF₂OCF₂H); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane (CF ₃ CH ₂ CF ₂ CH ₃ , HFC-365 mfe)	1-99 99-1

V)	difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$, HFC-366-ffa)	1-40 99-60
VI)	difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); methoxymethyl methylether	1-96 99-14
VII)	difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-hexane	30-99 70-1
VIII)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-pentane	1-93 99-7
IX)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	30-99 70-1
X)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-hexane	15-99 85-1
XI)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); ethyl alcohol	5-99 95-1

XII) difluoromethoxy-bis (difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane (CF ₃ CH ₂ CF ₂ CH ₃ , HFC 365 mfc) a hydrocarbon selected from n-pentane or isopentane	1-64 98-1 1-35 and
XIII) difluoromethoxy-bis (difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane (CF ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CF ₃ , HFC 356 ffa) a hydrocarbon selected from n-pentane or isopentane	1-22 98-43 1-35

wherein

(1) in the foaming agent compositions II, III, IV, V and VI, up to 40% by weight of the difluoromethoxy-bis(difluoromethyl ether) is optionally substituted with 1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyldifluoromethyl ether;

(2) in the foaming agent composition IX, up to 40% by weight of 1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether is optionally substituted by difluoromethoxy-bis(difluoromethyl) ether;

(3) in the foaming agent compositions I and VII, up to 50% by weight of difluoromethoxy-bis(difluoromethyl ether) is optionally substituted by 1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyldifluoromethyl ether;

(4) in the foaming agent compositions VIII and X, up to 50% by weight of 1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyldifluoromethyl ether is optionally substituted with difluoromethoxy-bis(difluoromethyl) ether.

2. (Currently Amended). The process of claim 1, wherein said foaming agent compositions are selected from the group consisting of:

	composition % by weight
I) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-pentane	25-95 75-5
II) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); iso-pentane	25-98 75-2
III) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	20-60 80-40
IV) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_3$, HFC 365-mfc)	10-98 90-2
V) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$, HFC 356-ffa)	10-40 90-60
VI) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); methoxymethyl methylether	25-96 75-14
VII) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether)	35-98

	(HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-hexane	65-2
VIII)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	25-93 75-7
IX)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	50-98 50-2
X)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-hexane	25-98 75-2 and
XI)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); ethyl alcohol	10-98 90-2.

3. (Currently Amended). The process according to claim 1, wherein the foaming agent compositions are selected from the group consisting of:

A)	difluoromethoxy-bis (difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	62% by wt. 38% by wt.
B)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); iso-pentane	63% by wt. 36% by wt.

C)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	42% by wt. 58% by wt.
D)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_2$, HFC 366 mfe)	60% by wt. 40% by wt.
E)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$, HFC 356 ffa)	20% by wt. 80% by wt.
F)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); methoxymethyl methyl ether	59% by wt. 41% by wt.
G)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-hexane	75% by wt. 25% by wt.
H)	1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra- fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-pentane	61% by wt. 39% by wt.
I)	1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra- fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	79% by wt. 21% by wt.
L)	1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra- fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-hexane	74% by wt. 26% by wt. and
M)	1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra-	

fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$);	95% by wt.
ethyl alcohol	5% by wt.

4-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the hydrocarbon of XII and XIII is n-pentane or isopentane and the hydrocarbon is present in the range 1-20% by weight.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein for polyurethane foams the compositions are selected from the group consisting of:

	composition % by weight
I) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-pentane	1-95 99-5
II) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); iso-pentane	1-99 99-1
IV) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_3$, HFC-365 mfe)	1-99 99-1

V)	difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF₂OCF₂OCF₂H); 1,1,1,4,4,4 hexafluorobutane (CF₃CH₂CH₂CF₃, HFC-356-ffa)	1-40 99-60
VI)	difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); methoxymethyl methylether	1-96 99-14
VII)	difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-hexane	30-99 70-1
VIII)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	1-93 99-7 and
X)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-hexane	15-99 85-1.

13. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 12, wherein said compositions are added in amounts in the range 1-15% by weight based on the total preparation.

14. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 12, wherein the compositions are used in combination with H₂O and/or CO₂.

15. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 14, wherein the water amount is in the range 0.5-7 parts by weight on one hundred parts of polyol.

16. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 14 wherein the CO₂ amount is in the range 0.6-10 parts by weight on one hundred parts of polyol.

17. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1 wherein stabilizers for radical decomposition reactions are added, the concentration of which is in the range 0.1 - 5% by weight with respect to the foaming agent.

18-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) Thermoplastic polymer compositions comprising the foaming compositions selected from the group consisting of:

	composition % by weight
I) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	1-95 99-5
II) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); iso-pentane	1-99 99-1
III) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether)	1-60

	($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	99-40
VII)	difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-hexane	30-99 70-1
VIII)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-pentane	1-93 99-7
IX)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	30-99 70-1
X)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-hexane	15-99 85-1
XI)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); ethyl alcohol	5-99 95-1
XII)	difluoromethoxy-bis (difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_3$, HFC 365 mfc) a hydrocarbon selected from n-pentane or isopentane	1-64 98-1 1-35 and
XIII)	difluoromethoxy-bis (difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$);	1-22

1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane (CF ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CF ₃ , HFC 356 ffa)	98-43
a hydrocarbon selected from n-pentane or isopentane	1-35.

23. (Currently Amended). Polyurethane polymer compositions comprising, as blowing agent substitutes of CFC-11 to give a homogenous foam having density of about 30 Kg/cm³, foaming agent azeotropic or nearly azeotropic compositions selected from the group consisting of:

	composition % by weight
I) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	1-95 99-5
II) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); iso-pentane	1-99 99-1
IV) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF₂OCF₂OCF₂H); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane (CF₃CH₂CF₂CH₂, HFC-365-mfe)	1-99 99-1
V) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF₂OCF₂OCF₂H); 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane (CF₃CH₂CH₂CF₃, HFC-356-ffa)	1-40 99-60
VI) difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); methoxymethyl methyl ether	1-96 99-14

VII)	difluoromethoxy bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-hexane	30-99 70-1 and
VIII)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	1-93 99-7
X)	1-difluoromethoxy 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-hexane	15-99 85-1.

24. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 12, wherein for polyurethane foams the compositions are selected from the group consisting of:

	composition % by weight
A) difluoromethoxy-bis (difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	62% by wt. 38% by wt.
B) difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); iso-pentane	63% by wt. 36% by wt.
D) difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF₂OCF₂OCF₂H); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane (CF₃CH₂CF₂CH₃, HFC 356 mfe)	60% by wt. 40% by wt.

- E) ~~difluoromethoxy-~~
~~bis(difluoromethyl ether)~~ 20% by wt.
~~(HCF₂OCF₂OCF₂H);~~
~~1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane~~ 80% by wt.
~~(CF₃CH₂CH₂CF₃, HFC 366 ffa)~~
- F) difluoromethoxy-
bis(difluoromethyl ether) 59% by wt.
(HCF₂OCF₂OCF₂H);
methoxymethyl methyl ether 41% by wt.
- G) difluoromethoxy-
bis(difluoromethyl ether) 75% by wt.
(HCF₂OCF₂OCF₂H);
n-hexane 25% by wt.
- H) 1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra-
fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether 61% by wt.
(HCF₂OCF₂CF₂OCF₂H);
n-pentane 39% by wt. and
- L) 1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra-
fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether 74% by wt.
(HCF₂OCF₂CF₂OCF₂H);
n-hexane 26% by wt.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) Thermoplastic polymer compositions according to claim 22 comprising foaming compositions selected from the group consisting of:

- | | composition
% by weight |
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| A) difluoromethoxy-bis
(difluoromethyl ether) | 62% by wt. |

	(HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	38% by wt.
B)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); iso-pentane	63% by wt. 36% by wt.
C)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	42% by wt. 58% by wt.
G)	difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-hexane	75% by wt. 25% by wt.
H)	1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra- fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-pentane	61% by wt. 39% by wt.
I)	1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra- fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); dimethyl ketone (acetone)	79% by wt. 21% by wt.
L)	1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra- fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); n-hexane	74% by wt. 26% by wt. and
M)	1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra- fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether (HCF ₂ OCF ₂ CF ₂ OCF ₂ H); ethyl alcohol	95% by wt. 5% by wt.

27. (Currently Amended) Polyurethane polymer compositions according to claim 23 comprising foaming agents selected from the group consisting of:

	composition % by weight
A) difluoromethoxy-bis (difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-pentane	62% by wt. 38% by wt.
B) difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); iso-pentane	63% by wt. 36% by wt.
D) difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_3$, HFC-356 mfe)	60% by wt. 40% by wt.
E) difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane ($\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$, HFC-356 ffa)	20% by wt. 80% by wt.
F) difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); methoxymethyl methyl ether	59% by wt. 41% by wt.
G) difluoromethoxy- bis(difluoromethyl ether) ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-hexane	75% by wt. 25% by wt.
H) 1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra- fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether ($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$); n-pentane	61% by wt. 39% by wt. and

L) 1-difluoromethoxy-1,1,2,2-tetra-
fluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether
($\text{HCF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{H}$);
n-hexane

74% by wt.

26% by wt.